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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2008, Applicants respond as follows:

Restriction to one of the following single inventions is required:

Group I, claims 1-22, drawn to a medical implant;

Group II, claims 23-36, drawn to a method of manufacturing a medical implant.

Applicant elects to prosecute, with traverse, the claims in Group I, i.e., claims 1-22 drawn to medical implants.

If any questions remain regarding the restriction requirement of the application, Applicant would appreciate if the Examiner would advise the undersigned by telephone.